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SUBJECT

Nomenclature "chief ministers" to Provinces as adopted ~~for~~ in the draft Constitution of India.

No 94521/CB

D. 25.5.49

To

~~The~~ Shri A. B Chatterji

Ministry of States

Govt of India

New Delhi

Sd/- 3/6/49

D.O.No.D.4625-P/49.

MINISTRY OF STATES
NEW DELHI

The 15th May, 1949.

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18/5/49

Office of the Chief Minister
No. 4997
Date of Receipt 23/5/49
Date of Return

CHIEF SECRETARY
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24 MAY 1949
GOVT. OF MYSORE

Dear Sri Reddy,

As you are aware, the Dominion of India, after the accession of the States, consists of a number of component units, made up of Provinces and States, with a Government at the Centre which functions for the whole country for certain purposes. It has been the policy of the Government of India to bring about a measure of uniformity in the relations between the Central Government and the various units, and it is expected that this will be an accomplished fact when the permanent Constitution of India comes into operation.

2. I hope you will agree that in a matter of this nature terminology is almost as important as matters of substance. In the States and Unions of States the principal Minister is variously described as Chief Minister or Prime Minister. In the Provinces, on the other hand, a uniform practice has been adopted of describing the principal Minister as Premier while in the Central Government alone is the head of the Government described as the Prime Minister. This gives proper recognition to the distinction between the Centre and the units and its general acceptance throughout the country is both convenient and desirable on general grounds. I shall be grateful if you will give this suggestion your best consideration and let me know whether it has the approval of yourself and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

(A.B.Chatterji)

Shri K.C.Reddy,
Chief Minister,
Mysore, Bangalore.

Chief Sec)
A draft reply may please be put up saying that we prefer the nomenclature "Chief Minister" for the ~~Premier~~ to 'Premier' as it is adopted in the Draft Constitution for India. All the Principal Ministers in all the Provinces and States may be called Chief Ministers. KCR 21/5

Submitted

Draft reply put up as per instructions above. Chief Secy) KCR 24/5/49

24.5.49. Chief Minr.) KCR 25/5

The council unanimously agrees to the suggestions of the Chief Minister. A reply may be sent on these lines.

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~~stating~~ that Govt prefer 'Chief Min' to 'Premier'

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25th May 49

(Dear Sri Chatterji),

With reference to your D.O. letter No.D.4625-P/49 dated 15th May 1949, I am writing on behalf of myself and my Colleagues to say that we prefer the nomenclature "Chief Minister" to "Premier" as adopted in the Draft Constitution for India. We would suggest that the Principal Minister in all the Provinces and States be uniformly called "Chief Minister", and hope that this will be acceptable to the Ministry of States.

(Yours sincerely,

Sri A.B.Chatterji,
Ministry of States,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

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